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MEETING OF THE

PLANS & PROGRAMS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Thursday, February 17, 2005
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

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1.0	<u>Call to Order and Introductions</u>	Chair Doug Kim, LACMTA
2.0	<u>Public Comment Period</u> Members of the public desiring to speak on an agenda item or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of this committee, must fill out a speaker's card prior to speaking and submit it to staff before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The Chair may limit the total time for comments to twenty (20) minutes.	
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6.0 **Comment Period**

Any Committee member, member of the public, or staff desiring to comment on items not covered on the agenda may do so at this time. Comments should be limited to three minutes.

7.0 **Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

The Plans & Programs Technical Advisory Committee will determine the next meeting date and time.

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The following minutes are a summary of the Plans & Programs Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. Audio cassette tapes of the actual meeting are available for listening at SCAG's office.

1.0 Call to Order and Selection of Officers

Mr. Naresh Amatya, SCAG, called the meeting to order. He stated that the Plans & Programs Technical Advisory Committee was formed by merging the RTP Technical Advisory Committee and the Forecasting Technical Task Force. The role of the committee is critical in developing the RTP, in terms of ensuring that the technical underpinnings and analysis of the RTP are sound and consistent, and to provide a forum for all of our stakeholders.

Regarding the selection of TAC Chair and Vice-Chair, Mr. Amatya stated that the officers have been traditionally rotated among the county transportation commissions. Mr. Amatya thanked the outgoing Chair, Mr. Ty Schuiling of SANBAG, for his leadership during the last RTP effort. The previous Vice Chair, Mr. Doug Kim of LACMTA, was elevated to Chair and Mr. Richard Marcus of OCTA, was selected Vice Chair.

2.0 Public Comment Period

There were no comments.

3.0 Information Items

3.1 Issues Regarding the Next RTP Update

Mr. Naresh Amatya, SCAG, presented an overview of the RTP update process. A handout was provided. The process begins with the establishment of the base year and horizon year, goals and objectives, and baseline assumptions. The growth forecast, revenue forecast, and project inventory are updated. The base year and baseline evaluation provide the basis of the needs assessment that identifies system deficiencies. Alternatives are developed and then evaluated for performance and conformity. Mr. Amatya stated that the base alternative would begin with the county transportation commissions' submittals. Should this alternative fail to meet our conformity requirements or performance goals, additional strategies such as growth visioning and financing would then be developed.

Mr. Amatya discussed other transportation planning activities that directly impact or are impacted by the RTP, including SCAG's growth visioning efforts and

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Regional Comprehensive Plan, the RTP Program EIR, the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, the Air Quality Management Plan and State Implementation Plan, and the county transportation commissions' own transportation planning activities. Mr. Amatya discussed the task forces and committees involved in the RTP decision-making structure.

Next, Mr. Amatya discussed several critical issues facing the region that could potentially require an accelerated RTP update schedule. These issues include the continuing state budget crisis, a potential OCTA board action to replace the CenterLine light rail project, the slow progress towards implementing a temporary half-cent sales tax measure in Los Angeles County, and the anticipated extension of Measure M in Orange County in November 2006. The regular three-year RTP cycle would require SCAG to adopt a new RTP in April 2007. SCAG staff are currently considering the acceleration of this schedule, advancing the RTP adoption by 8 months to August 2006, ahead of the November elections. Staff will return to this committee and the TCC in March with a more definite plan regarding the possible accelerated RTP schedule.

In response to a question, Lisa Burke of OCTA stated that at a recent board workshop, OCTA staff were directed to look at other alternatives. They recognized that it is a TCM in the RTP, assumed to be completed by 2010, and those issues have to be addressed. They also directed staff to look at the requirements for placing a Measure M extension on the ballot in November 2006. OCTA is also conducting its own EIR analysis associated with its Measure M and Long Range Transportation Plan update effort.

Mr. Ty Schuiling, SANBAG, asked what deadlines were forcing SCAG to accelerate the process, especially in terms of input from FHWA and FTA. He also commented that the STIP Fund Estimate and the 2006 STIP were perhaps more key issues than the state budget in general, because those incorporate consideration for relatively the low funding levels we can expect from TEA-21 reauthorization as well as the Prop. 42 issues. The 2006 STIP will likely have no new money and may even require de-programming of projects.

Mr. Schuiling stated there were pros and cons regarding CenterLine and Measure M in Orange County. While including Measure M extension projects in the RTP would help support the Measure's successful extension, we risk releasing such an RTP one month before voters may defeat the measure. Also, upcoming new emission budgets and attainment demonstrations for PM2.5 and 8-hour ozone may have implications for the RTP.

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Mr. Tony Van Haagen, Caltrans District 7, stated that a truncated schedule may not allow enough time to perform necessary improvements to the model. For the year 2000, the model overestimates freeway volume by 17% and underestimates arterial volume by 18%.

Ms. Gail Shiimoto-Lohr, OCCOG, stated that SCAG is seeking to align the RTP and the RHNA process, and that the acceleration of the RTP schedule could impact that effort.

The TAC asked staff for a comprehensive look at the pros and cons for accelerating or amending the RTP, and whether it is even necessary, as the regular RTP schedule would have a draft released in the Fall of 2006.

3.2 RTP Growth Forecast Update Process

Mr. Frank Wen, SCAG, presented the proposed RTP growth forecast update schedule, which was developed under the assumption of an accelerated RTP schedule. A handout was provided. Mr. Wen stated that, although the final decision regarding the RTP schedule has not yet been made, the key elements for the growth forecast process are intact. Staff have begun preparation work, coordinating with SCAG modeling staff who are conducting the new model validation. The new model requires additional variables and includes additional zones. Mr. Wen stated that growth forecast staff will continue to work closely with subregional staff, and will continue to report to the TAC regarding key technical issues.

Currently, SCAG staff are reviewing the revised California growth forecast from the Dept. of Finance, as well as national-level projections on population, labor force, and employment. It appears that the 2004 RTP growth forecast is still on solid ground, and staff will bring the review results to the TAC in April or May. In June, staff will conduct a regional workshop presenting staff's analysis of regional/county/subregional level implications.

In response to a question on growth vision implementation, Mr. Wen stated that SCAG is working with the subregions and local jurisdictions on initiating pilot projects. SCAG is also pursuing legislative efforts to encourage development along the growth visioning principles.

3.3 TAC Work Program

This item was postponed.

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4.0 **Staff Report**

There was not staff report.

5.0 **Comment Period**

Mr. Doug Kim, LACMTA, asked if there were opportunities for more city representatives to sit on the TAC. Mr. Amatya, SCAG, replied that the current TAC membership does include all of the regional stakeholders, but that attendance and participation has been a continuing issue. Ms. Gail Shiimoto-Lohr, OCCOG, stated that local jurisdictions will be more likely to participate in growth forecast matters. Mr. Dana Gabbard, SOCATA, stated that the purpose and role of the TAC was unclear. Also, previously staff had provided a matrix identifying the other RTP task forces and their recent actions, in an attempt to keep the TAC up-to-date on the overall RTP development effort. Mr. David Mootchnik, So. Calif. Commuters Forum, asked that the Highway Task Force issue be brought forward in the next agenda.

Mr. Rich Macias, SCAG, stated that the Regional Council has already established the task force structure and is not likely to change it. Mr. Macias agreed to return with a matrix identifying the SCAG committees and task forces and their functions.

6.0 **Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

The TAC selected February 17, 2005 as the next meeting date.

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Attendance

Name	Agency
Lisa Burke	OCTA
Joanna Capelle	SCRRA
Eric Carlson	LACMTA
Paul Fagan	Caltrans-District 8
Steve Finnegan	Automobile Club of So. Calif.
Kim Fuentes	South Bay Cities COG
Dana Gabbard	So. Calif. Transit Advocates
Bill Gayk	CSU Fullerton
Gary Green	Caltrans-District 8
Brian Kuhn	City of Palmdale
Jack Humphrey	Gateway Cities COG
Doug Kim	LACMTA
Ken Lobeck	RCTC
Kai Luoma	City of Santa Clarita
James McCarthy	Caltrans-District 7
Paula McHargue	LAWA
Michael Meyer	Meyer, Mohaddes Assoc.
David Mootchnik	So. Calif. Commuters Forum
David Pendley	County Sanitation District of Los Angeles
Todd Priest	BIA/SC
Tracy Sato	City of Anaheim
Ty Schuiling	SANBAG
Gail Shiomoto-Lohr	Orange County COG
David Sosa	Caltrans-District 7
Jim Stewart	SCCED
Ron Taira	OCTA
Victor Vallejo	City of Los Angeles
Tony Van Haagen	Caltrans-District 7
Carla Walecka	Transportation Corridor Agencies
A. J. Wilson	Pomona Valley Ed. Foundation

Via audio/video conference

Rosa Lopez	IVAG
Catherine McMillan	CVAG
Stuart Sweeney	UC Santa Barbara

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Naresh Amatya	Philip Law
Joe Carreras	Rich Macias
Simon Choi	Sylvia Patsaouras
Lynn Harris	Bernice Villanueva
Ted Harris	Frank Wen
Hsi-Hwa Hu	Sina Zarifi
Bob Huddy	

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DATE: February 17, 2005

TO: PLANS & PROGRAMS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: Sina Zarifi, Senior Regional Transportation Planner
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RE: SCAG Committees and Task Forces

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS Matrix of Subcommittees and Task Forces FY 2004 - 2005

Subcommittee/ Task Force	Work Element	Goals / Objectives	Composition	Lead Staff	Meeting Information	Sunset Date or Lifetime
Audit and Best Practices Oversight Subcommittee <i>Chair: Hon. Sid Tyler</i>		OWP review; provide guidance regarding internal and external audit issues and implementing Best Practices	ELECTED OFFICIALS RC	Heather Copp 213 236-1960	Every other month	At discretion of RC
Aviation Task Force <i>Chair: Hon. Judy Mikels</i>		Follow through on decentralized aviation plan variation as adopted in the 2004 RTP	Elected Officials, Stakeholder Organizations, Transportation Officials	213-236-	TBD	

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Subcommittee/ Task Force	Work Element	Goals / Objectives	Composition	Lead Staff	Meeting Information	Sunset Date or Lifetime
Benchmarks Task Force <i>Chair: Hon. Ron Loveridge</i>		Provide guidance to the development of performance indicators and benchmarks for SCAG's Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) and State of the Region Report	RC, Subregions, Outside Experts	Ping Chang 213-236-1839	As Needed	Annual Continuing
Communication & Membership Subcommittee <i>Chair: Hon. Bea Proo</i>		Provide policy direction to communications strategy, issues, and materials	RC	Barbara Dove 213-236-1861	Monthly, Tuesday before RC 11:00 am	Annual On-going
Compass Task Force <i>Chair: Hon. Bev Perry</i>	05-050 Growth Visioning	Support a process that assists local, subregional and regional officials in developing strategies to accommodate growth that results in a preferred regional growth scenario	CEHD, EEC, TCC, Subregions, ULI, Fannie Mae	Mark Butala 213-236-1945	Last Thursday 12 noon – 2 pm	
Council Development & Nominating Committee <i>Chair: Hon. Ron Roberts</i>		Increase involvement of board members and leadership development, create strategies for succession opportunities, and nominate officers	RC	Mark Pisano 213 236-1808	As Needed	Annual On-going
District Evaluations Subcommittee <i>Chair: Hon. Greg Pettis</i>		Evaluate districts based on adopted SCAG bylaws	Admin Cttee	Karen Tachiki 213 236-1816	Monthly	Sunset after redistricting

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Finance Task Force <i>Chair: Hon. Richard Dixon</i>		Oversee development of finance chapter of the RCP and RTP financial aspects	TCC, CTCs, Subregions, Caltrans, ARB	Annie Nam 213-236-1827	Quarterly	
Goods Movement Task Force <i>Chair: Hon. Art Brown</i>	05-130 Goods Movement	Provide policy guidance in developing a more efficient goods movement system including improvements to the ports, trucking and rail systems, intermodal terminal access, and freight logistics	RC, CTA, CHP, Railroads, AAA, Airports, Ports, CTCs, ARB, Subregions, Caltrans, AQMD, ACTA, Teamsters, Environmental Groups	Nancy Pfeffer 213-236-1869	3 rd Wednesday 9:00 am	Annual On-going
MagLev / High Speed Rail Task Force <i>Chair: Hon. Robin Lowe, Vice Chairs: Hon. Michael Antonovich and Hon. Lou Bone</i>	05-240 Maglev 05-241 Maglev Deployment 1 05-242 Maglev Deployment 3	Implement Intra-Regional Maglev system as defined in the 2004 RTP. Policy oversight for Maglev deployment studies	Airports, Rail, DOT/FTA, CTCs, Caltrans, Elected, Subregions, HSR, Experts in Field	Zahi Faranesh 213-236-1819	3 rd Wednesday 11:00 am	Annual On-going
Personnel Committee <i>Chair: Hon. Bea Proo</i>		Provide guidance in implementing personnel and human resources policies	Administration Committee Members	Jim Gosnell 213 236-1889	As Needed	At discretion of RC

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Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force <i>Chair: Hon. Pam O'Connor</i>	05-035 Regional Comprehen- sive Plan & Guide	Guide the completion of the RCP during FY 05 and 06 and advise the RC on eventual adoption of the Plan	RC, Subregions	Jacob Lieb 213 236-1921	Monthly	At discretion of RC
Solid Waste Task Force <i>Chair: Hon. Toni Young</i>				Alan Thompson 213 236-1940	1st Monday 10:00 am	
Southwest Compact Task Force <i>Chair: Hon. Greg Pettis</i>	05-130 Goods Movement	Foster the creation of a southwest regional authority that will support a trade transportation strategy with an economic development component.	Elected Officials, Public Agencies, Private Businesses	Linda Jones 213 236-1912	1st Wednesday 10:00 am	
Strategic Plan Implementation Task Force <i>Chair: Hon. Judy Mikels</i>		Implement the strategic plan adopted by the RC	RC	Tonya Gorham 213-236-1988	Quarterly As Needed	At discretion of RC
TCM Implementation Subcommittee <i>Chair: Hon. Lee Ann Garcia</i>	05-120 OWP Development & Monitoring	Review HOV, transit and TDM issues	Members, CTCs, Transit Operators, Caltrans, Federal funding agencies	Al Bowser 213-236-1843	Quarterly	
Water Policy Task Force <i>Chair: Hon. Dennis Washburn</i>	05-320 Watershed Planning	Consider regional stormwater, water quality and water supply issues and recommend policy to EEC. Review water quality studies developed by staff.	EEC, Local Govt, Business, Regulatory, Water Agencies	Dan Griset 213-236-1895	2 nd Thursday Bi-monthly	Annual On-going

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			PLANNING PARTNERS, STAFF & EXPERTS			
Aviation Technical Advisory Committee <i>Chair: Scott Smith, Ventura Co Airports</i>	05-220 Aviation System PIng 05-285 Regional Aviation System PIng	Provide technical support and input on aviation-related issues to SCAG Committees and Task Forces as appropriate	Airport Managers, Caltrans, FAA, County Depts of Aviation	Alan Thompson 213-236-1940	2 nd Thursday, 10:00 am, meetings held at airports around the region	Annual On-going
Data / GIS Task Force <i>Chair: Jeff Hamilton, Glendale</i>	05-040 Data 05-045 GIS	Provide data sharing and a forum for discussion of data standards	Subregions and Outside Experts	Jim Jacob 213- 236-1821	Quarterly	Annual On-going
ITS Working Group	05-100, 05- 250, 05-251 ITS 05-255 Regional ITS	Review and approve ITS Architecture plans.	CTCs, Caltrans	Bob Huddy 213 236-1972	Monthly	June 2006
Modeling Task Force <i>Chair: Steve Smith, SANBAG</i>	05-070 Modeling	Coordinate the Region's various modeling programs, provide a forum to share model- related information, new ideas and discuss data standards	Caltrans, ARB, Air Districts, EPA, CTCs, FTA, FHWA, Transit Operators	Mike Ainsworth 909-784-1513	Meets every other month	On-going

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Subcommittee/ Task Force	Work Element	Goals / Objectives	Composition	Lead Staff	Meeting Information	Sunset Date or Lifetime
Plans & Programs Technical Advisory Committee <i>Chair: Douglas Kim, Director of Planning, MTA</i>	05-010 System Planning	Develop long-range forecasts, develop and improve forecast models, and coordinate regional/subregional forecasting effort. Technical refinement to issue areas: O 7 M, arterials, performance indicators, air quality, technical capabilities, and equity. Address distribution patterns.	Subregions, CTCs, Caltrans, AQMD, Transit Operators, and various experts.	Naresh Amatyia 213-236-1885	2 nd Tuesday 10:00 am – 12 noon	Annual On-going
Regional Transit Task Force <i>Chair: Jim Parker, Transportation Director, City of Norwalk</i>	05-140 Transit	Develop performance standards; identify potential future transit corridors, and define re-deployment/restructuring strategy	Transit Operators, CTCs, Private Providers	Bob Huddy 213-236-1972	4 th Tuesday Monthly 9:00am	Annual On-going
Regionally Significant Transportation Investment Study Peer Review Group	05-060 Corridor Planning	Conducts peer agency review and issues Letters of Completion for major transportation investment studies	Technical staffs of stakeholder and resource agencies	Al Bowser 213 236-1843	3 rd Thursday (every other month) 10:00 am	Annual On-going
Subregional Coordinators Group <i>Chair: Rich Bishop, Exec Dir., WRCOG</i>	05-120 OWP Development & Monitoring	Provide and receive information on current and upcoming SCAG and subregional projects.	Subregional Staff, Caltrans, FHWA	Zahi Faranesh 213 236-1819 Janet Henderson 213 236-1928	4 th Thursday 9:30 – 11:30 am	Annual On-going
Transportation Conformity Working Group <i>Chair: Douglas Kim, Director of Planning, MTA</i>	05-025 Air Quality Planning & Conformity	Interagency consultation on surface transportation and air quality conformity, in compliance with federal and state requirements	FHWA, FTA, EPA, Caltrans, ARB, local transportation, air and transit agencies, private sector	Ted Harris 213–236-1916	2 nd Friday 10:00 am	Annual Continuing

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TO: PLANS & PROGRAMS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: Frank Wen, Senior Economist, (213) 236-1854, wen@scag.ca.gov

RE: Linkage Between Growth Forecast and Transportation Strategies in 2004 RTP

There were close linkages between growth forecast and transportation strategies in the development of 2004 Regional Transportation Plan. The natures of these linkages are not all technical-oriented, many of them are policy-driven. While some of them were addressed explicitly in the development of 2004 RTP, several of them are yet to be incorporated and require further investigations in the coming planning cycles. Staff will present the major themes of last RTP growth forecast and discuss the linkages/logic/rationales with the Plans & Programs Advisory Committee.

The major items to be presented and discussed in the meeting include

- The no-project growth forecasts are technical projections:
 - Based on historical trends,
 - Future demographics,
 - National and state employment/population information,
 - 2000 Census
 - Cohort component population projection model
 - Shift-share employment projection model
 - Small area distribution rely on subregion/local review and inputs
- Major themes
 - Diversify—Population growth primarily from Hispanic and Asian but different from trends in the last several decades, second and third generation of immigrants vs. foreign born immigrants
 - Aging
 - Accelerated trends in outsourcing and globalization and impacts on job/income outlook
- Implications on planning issues
 - Transportation revenue forecasts
 - Transportation modeling improvement
 - Other areas and overall transportation planning
- Transportation Strategies
 - Growth Visioning/Land use Strategies—2% Strategy
 - Private sector investment—the \$60 billion dollar impact
- Others

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TO: PLANS & PROGRAMS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: Naresh Amatya, Lead Senior Regional Planner
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RE: Preliminary Schedule for the Next RTP Update

The Regional Council adopted the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) on April 1, 2004. Transportation conformity on the 2004 RTP was approved by the federal agencies on June 7, 2004 for the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB), the Imperial County and Coachella Valley portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin (SSAB), and the San Bernardino portion of the Mojave Desert Air Basin (MDAB). Conformity for the Ventura County portion of the South Central Coast Air Basin and the South Desert Modified 1-Hour Ozone Area was approved on June 16, 2004. Both federal (Title 23, CFR Sec.450.322) and state (Government Code 65080(c)) law requires that the RTP be updated at least once every three years in federally designated non-attainment and maintenance areas for air quality, such as our region. Accordingly, the current RTP must be updated and adopted by the Regional Council by no later than April 2007.

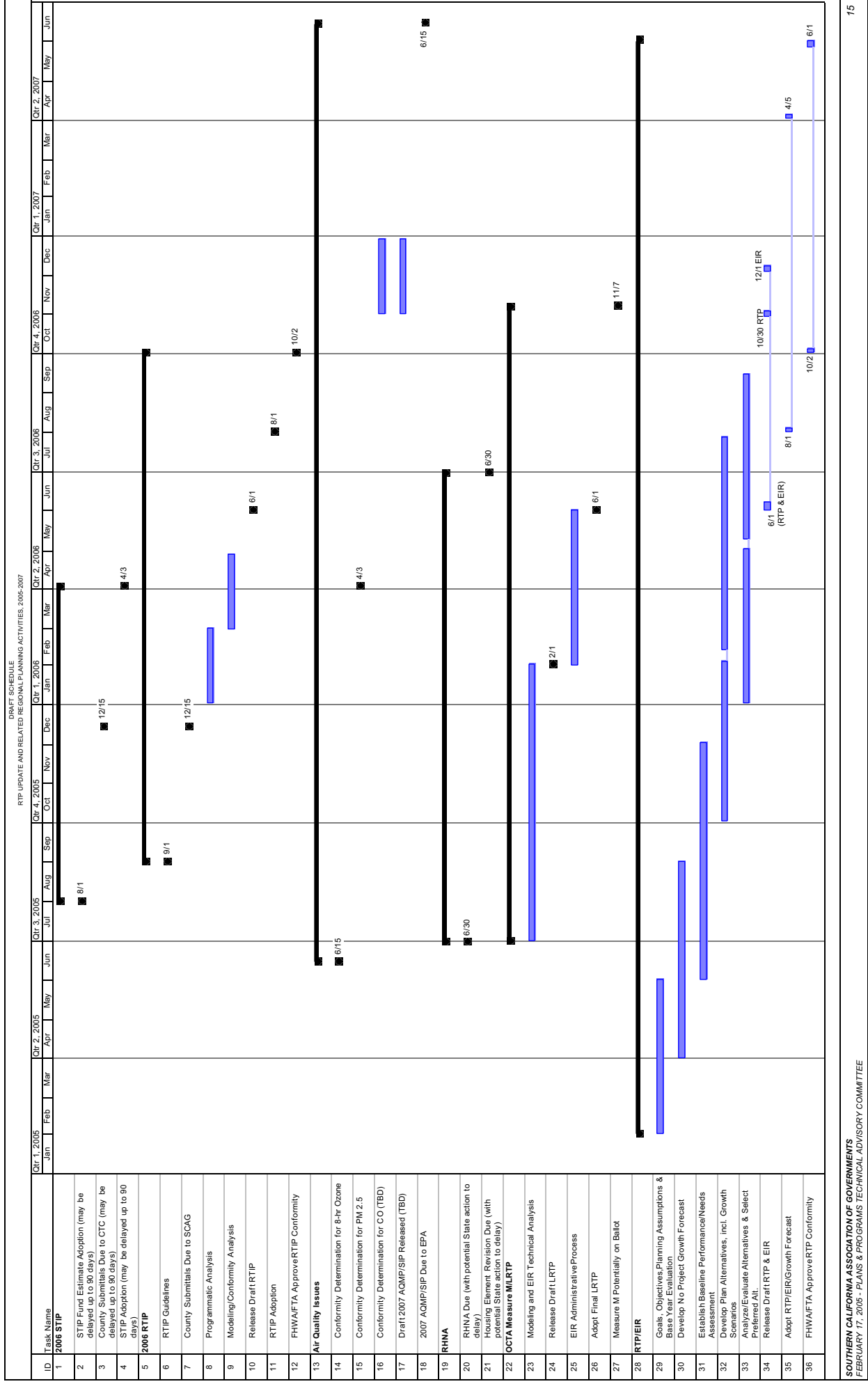
Staff presented several issues relative to the next RTP Update at your last meeting on January 31, 2005. The basic question confronting us is whether or not we should entertain an amendment or early update of the 2004 RTP in order to maintain the integrity of the plan and be consistent with the new fiscal realities as they unfold. And, if we do move forward with an amendment or early update, when should we do it? Staff also presented these issues to the Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC) on February 3, 2005. The TCC directed staff to move forward with the triennial update process and to continue assessing and monitoring the potential need for an amendment or early update and report back to the TCC with a specific recommendation in March.

Uncertainties associated with the fiscal issues raised by staff that may warrant an amendment or early update of the RTP have not changed. Most of these issues are going to take about a year to fully play out. Deciding whether or not to entertain an amendment or an early update at that point would be too late. Therefore, in order for us to position ourselves to accommodate an amendment or an early update, we need to gear up now with the update process assuming we will need to meet an early update schedule. In the event that an early update becomes unnecessary or irrelevant, we would be in an enviable position of being able to spend more time in further refining the plan for adoption through the regular update schedule. The attached timeline for the proposed RTP update has been prepared based on this premise. The key milestones of the proposed schedule are:

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- Complete updating goals, objectives, planning and technical assumptions, base year evaluation, etc. by May 2005
- Complete development of No Project or Baseline growth forecast by Aug. 2005
- Establish Baseline performance conditions, needs assessment and Baseline revenue forecast by Nov. 2005
- Develop alternative scenarios, including growth scenarios, by Jan. 2006. If an amendment or early update becomes unnecessary or irrelevant, continue the alternatives process through July 2006.
- Analyze/evaluate the alternatives by April 2006. If an amendment or early update becomes unnecessary or irrelevant, continue the alternatives evaluation process through Sept. 2006.
- Release the Draft RTP/EIR in June 2006. If an amendment or early update becomes unnecessary or irrelevant, release the Draft RTP in Oct. 2006 and Draft EIR in Dec. 2006.
- Adopt the RTP/EIR/Growth Forecast in Aug. 2006. If an amendment or early update becomes unnecessary or irrelevant, adopt in April 2007.

The staff recommendation is to move forward with the proposed RTP update schedule accommodating a potential interim plan amendment or an update.



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TO: PLANS & PROGRAMS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: Sina Zarifi, Senior Regional Transportation Planner
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RE: SCAG Committees and Task Forces

The 2004 RTP was adopted by the Regional Council on April 1, 2004. Based on the state and federal regulatory mandates, the RTP must be updated every three years in a non-attainment or maintenance region, such as the SCAG region. That is, the 2004 RTP must be updated by April 2007.

A central purpose of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is to provide a long-term vision for transportation investment in the region. Clearly, realization of such a vision is complex and involves numerous public agencies and entities. To ensure support and consensus, full coordination and consultation among the region's stakeholders will be sought.

SCAG's 2004 RTP relied primarily on the RTP task force structure, RTP outreach process and the Comment and Response to Draft RTP in order to develop the needed consensus and comply with the regulatory requirements concerning consultation and coordination process. For the most part, this process has worked well.

RTP Update Process

The RTP update process begins with a comprehensive review of the existing Plan. This process would involve assessing not only underlying assumptions used in the RTP, such as the growth forecast, but also, goals objectives, policies, revenue forecast etc. as well as transportation projects and programs identified in the plan.

Most of the task forces that were involved in the 2004 RTP update will continue to provide the guidance for the next RTP update as well. The task forces that are continuing from the last update include Long Range Finance Task Force, Goods Movement Task Force, Regional Transit Advisory Committee, Aviation Task Force, Regional Transportation Demand Management Task Force, Plans and Programs Technical Advisory Committee, Maglev Task Force and Transportation Conformity Working Group.

TAC Work Program for the 2007 RTP Update

The following identifies the various work elements that the TAC will be asked to review and provide input to the staff as part of the Plan development process for 2007. This is not an exhaustive list, rather it is intended to provide a general sense of the extent of work that must be accomplished. These activities will be updated on a regular basis to reflect the latest information available.

1. Review and update goals, objectives, etc. for the plan as well as all its components. Review and update key assumptions used in the planning process. – February - March 2005
2. Review the process for regional and county-level baseline growth forecast; planning assumptions and base-year definition; establishment of the base year, plan horizon and baseline or no-project scenario – April - May 2005
3. Transportation System Operation and Maintenance (O & M) – May 2005
4. Review growth and revenue forecast, and projects inventory – June 2005
5. Needs assessment analysis and identification of system deficiencies. Review the results of deficiency analysis. Discuss alternative scenarios based on deficiency analysis and updated inventory of capital projects. The alternatives should consider alternative growth scenarios based on the growth visioning process – July - August 2005
6. Development and refinement of alternatives – Sept - Oct 2005
7. System performance measures, criteria, methodology – Nov - Dec 2005
8. Model Validation and new model improvements – Jan – Feb 2006
9. Sensitivity analysis and review of various scenarios – March – April 2006
10. Review and discuss the range of costs for the various alternatives and funding options. – May - June 2006

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RE: Goods Movement White Paper for Secretary of Business, Transportation & Housing

Summary

Staff have prepared a white paper on regional goods movement issues at the request of Business, Transportation & Housing (BT&H) Secretary Sunne McPeak. The paper describes current needs for the goods movement system and what the state and federal government can do to help the region meet these needs.

Background

During Governor Schwarzenegger's Fall 2004 visit to Japan, he was criticized by government and business leaders for allowing congestion at the San Pedro Bay ports to impede the flow of goods from Asia to U.S. markets. On his return, the Governor tasked BT&H Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak with developing a strategy on this issue.

In late November the Secretary asked SCAG to work with the LA County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC), the region's transportation agencies, goods movement system operators and other stakeholders to develop a white paper describing the region's needs. The paper was developed and provided in initial form to the Secretary for a fact-finding meeting with the principals – CEO's and other senior management – of the participants in the process on December 15, 2004, in Sacramento.

A copy of the paper is posted at www.scag.ca.gov/rtpac, the TAC web page. Staff will update the Committee on the process of finalizing the paper and next steps at the regional and state levels.